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Mr. Forrest Andrew Carhartt Pastor St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 3700 Baseline Boulder, CO 80303

Dear Mr. Carhartt:

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Casey, for whom I am responding.

We appreciate your taking the time to express your views on U.S. relations with Nicaragua. It is important to understand that the Central Intelligence Agency performs as an instrument of foreign policy but that it is not a policymaking organization. Your message, therefore, should be directed to the State Department or the National Security Council as appropriate fora for consideration of your views.

As Director of Central Intelligence Mr. Casey is totally committed to the vital role intelligence plays in advising our nation's leadership so that informed decisions may be made. The enclosed brochure may help foster a better understanding of that role.

Sincerely,

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Charles E. Wilson Deputy Director

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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am keenly disappointed that you allegedly agreed with the Reagan Administration to reject Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's recent peace offer.

I protest the USA-CIA's covertly equipping and training the contras in Central America.

Members of my congregation and I are offended by President Reagan's alleged statement that His Holiness Pope John II supported the President's decision to help overthrow the Sandinista government. Surely the President must know that the people of Nicaragua, mainly Roman Catholic, support their Sandinista government by a huge majority as indicated by the recent presidential elections in Nicaragua. My recent visit to Nicaragua as a member of the Boulder, Colorado, Friendship City Projects delegation confirms my understanding that the contras are not "freedom fighters" and are certainly not the "friends" of the United States, of freedom, or of justice.

Mr. Casey, I ask you to use your influence to create a separation between the CIA's intelligence gathering function and its present war-making policies. If this is not possible, I would support your courageous act of disbanding the CIA.

Sincerely yours,

Forrest Andrew Carhartt

Pastor

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